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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Chamberlain family
Title:	Chamberlain Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0093
Date [inclusive]:	1821-1958
Physical Description:	1 linear foot (1 box)
Physical Description:	1 folio folders
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Contains papers of various members of the Chamberlain family of Brewer, Maine, including those of Joshua Chamberlain, Jr., his wife Sarah Brastow Chamberlain, and their children Joshua L., Horace B., Sarah B., John Calhoun, and Thomas Davee Chamberlain. Papers of members of the Farrington family are also included.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Joshua Chamberlain, Jr., son of Joshua and Ann Gould Chamberlain, was born in Orrington, Maine, in 1800. He married Sarah Brastow of Holden in 1827, and they had five children: Joshua Lawrence, Horace B., Sarah B., John Calhoun, and Thomas Davee Chamberlain. A resident of Brewer, Maine, Chamberlain was a county commissioner and a lieutenant colonel in the militia as well as holding other offices. He died in 1880.

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, born in 1828, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1852, studied at the Bangor Theological Seminary for three years, and then returned to Bowdoin as a professor. Chamberlain

joined the 20th Maine Regiment in 1862, achieved fame at the Battle of Gettysburg, and was wounded at Petersburg. During his military career he served in 20 battles and many skirmishes. After returning from the war, he was elected governor of Maine, 1866-1869, and served as president of Bowdoin from 1871-1883. Chamberlain died in 1914.

Horace B. Chamberlain was born in 1834 and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1857. He practiced law in Bangor and died in 1861.

Sarah B. Chamberlain was born in 1836. In 1867 she married Charles O. Farrington, a merchant in Brewer.

John Calhoun Chamberlain was born in 1838, graduated from Bowdoin in 1859 and from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1864. He saw service in the U.S. Christian Commission and was chaplain of the Eleventh Volunteers in the Civil War. He died in Castine in 1867.

Thomas Davee Chamberlain, born in 1841, was also a soldier in the Civil War. Enlisting as a private in the 20th Maine Volunteers he rose through the ranks to lieutenant colonel, serving at the front in 25 battles and skirmishes. He died in 1896.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains papers of various members of the Chamberlain family of Brewer, Maine. It also includes some papers of the Farrington family, also of Brewer. The papers are arranged in the following order: Papers of Joshua Chamberlain, Jr.; Papers of Sarah Brastow Chamberlain; Papers of Joshua L. Chamberlain; Papers of Horace B. Chamberlain; Papers of John Calhoun Chamberlain; Papers of Thomas Davee Chamberlain; Miscellaneous Chamberlain Family Papers; Farrington Family Papers; and Miscellaneous Material.

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Arrangement

The papers of Joshua Chamberlain, Jr. include a memorandum book, 1821, of his notes on subjects such as geometry, surveying, etc.; incoming correspondence including a few letters from his son, Joshua L. Chamberlain; and legal documents and maps of Maine townships reflecting his land ownership and involvement in logging and selling logs.

Sarah Brastow Chamberlain's papers include a letter written by her in 1825, a valuation and tax statement, 1881; and a few letters, 1852, 1877, to her from her son Joshua.

The papers of Joshua L. Chamberlain contain his diplomas from Bowdoin College; six letters written by him between 1868 and 1914; and author's proofs of his book, *The Passing of the Armies*, as well as copies of some of his published works. The papers also include newspaper and magazine articles about Chamberlain and illustrations of him taken from various sources.

The papers of Horace B. Chamberlain and John Calhoun Chamberlain each contain a small amount of material reflecting their studies at Bowdoin and at the Bangor Theological Seminary as well as copies of John Chamberlain's essays, poems, etc.

Thomas Chamberlain's papers include materials on his enlistment and service in the 20th Maine Regiment Company G as well as a letter, 1863, written to one of his brothers, and his photograph and signature card.

The miscellaneous Chamberlain family papers contain genealogical information about the Chamberlain and Farrington families.

The Farrington family papers include letters to Sarah Chamberlain Farrington from Joshua L. Chamberlain, as well as various legal and business papers of the family, 1816-1955, and papers relating to Mill Dam School and School District No. 2 in Brewer, Maine.

The collection ends with a group of miscellaneous documents that cannot be attributed to any particular person represented in the collection.

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Access Restrictions

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from/gift of Arthur F. Winslow, Windsor, Conn. in 1969.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Brewer (Me.) -- History
- Chamberlain, Joshua
- Chamberlain, Sarah Brastow
- Chamberlain, Joshua Lawrence, 1828-1914
- Chamberlain, Horace B., 1834-1861
- Chamberlain, John Calhoun, 1838-1867
- Chamberlain, Thomas Davee, 1841-1896
- Farrington, Charles O.
- Farrington, Sarah Chamberlain, 1836-
- United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 20th (1862-1865)
- Chamberlain family
- Farrington family

Collection Inventory

Papers of Joshua Chamberlain, Jr. (1800-1880)	
Title/Description	Instances
Joshua Chamberlain's book (notes on geometry, surveying, etc.), 1821	box 1 folder 1
Letters, incoming, 1831, 1850-1879, undated	box 1 folder 2
Letters from Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1872, undated	box 1 folder 3
Legal documents, 1829-1882	box 1

	folder 4
Maps of Maine townships, undated	box 1
	folder 4a
Photocopies of papers of Joshua Chamberlain	box 1
	folder 5
Papers of Sarah Brastow Chamberlain	box 1
	folder 5a
Letter, from Sarah Chamberlain; valuation and tax statement, 1881, Sept. 12, 1825, 1881	box 1
	folder 6
Letters from Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1852, 1877	box 1
	folder 7

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Papers of Joshua L. Chamberlain

Title/Description	Instances
Diplomas from Bowdoin College, 1852, 1855	box 1
	folder 8
Letters written by Chamberlain (6 letters), 1868-1914	box 1
	folder 9
Letter, to Chamberlain from Henry S. Burrage, Nov. 1, 1909	box 1
	folder 10
Miscellaneous documents, 1868-1922	box 1
	folder 11
Author's proofs: "My story of Fredericksburg," Cosmopolitan magazine, 1912	box 1
	folder 12
Proofs of The passing of the armies	box 1
	folder 13
Proofs of The passing of the armies	box 1
	folder 14
Proofs of The passing of the armies	box 1
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Abraham Lincoln seen from the field in the war for the union: a paper read before the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania... by Joshua L. Chamberlain, Feb. 12, 1909	box 1
	folder 16

Address of Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain at the dedication of the Maine monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Augusta: Maine Farmers' Almanac Press, 1895 (2 copies), October 3, 1893, 1895	box 1 folder 17
Five Forks: a paper read before the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of Maine, by Joshua L. Chamberlain. Portland, Maine: Lefavor-Tower Co., 1902, May 2, 1901, 1902	box 1 folder 18
Military operations on the White Oak Road, Virginia, by Joshua L. Chamberlain, Portland, Maine: Thurston Print, 1897, March 31, 1865, 1897	box 1 folder 19
Ruling powers in history: address by Joshua L. Chamberlain at Thomaston, Maine, on the three hundredth anniversary of the visit of George Waymouth to the St. Georges River, July 6, 1905	box 1 folder 20
Bowdoin College documents: Order of commencement exercises, gift acknowledgement, 1872, 1852, 1872	box 1 folder 21
To his excellency Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain (poem from Gorham Seminary), March 7, 1871	box 1 folder 22
Newspaper and magazine articles re Chamberlain	box 1 folder 23
Illustrations, signatures of Chamberlain	box 1 folder 24
In memoriam: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of Maine, 1914	box 1 folder 25
Letter, to Mary Haskell, Brewer Public Library, from Willard M. Wallace, Wesleyan University, re Chamberlain, Mar. 28, 1958	box 1 folder 26

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Letter from Joshua L. Chamberlain, April 30, 1858	box 1 folder 28

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Papers of John Calhoun Chamberlain

Title/Description	Instances
Memorandum book of poems and quotations: Bowdoin College, Bangor Theo. Sem., Lowell, 1858, 1860, October 1860	box 1 folder 29
Essays, poems, etc. (some photocopies), 1850s, 1860s	box 1 folder 30

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Papers of Thomas Davee Chamberlain

Title/Description	Instances
Letter, 1863; papers on enlistment and promotions, 1862-1865; photograph, signature, 1863, 1862-1865	box 1 folder 31

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Miscellaneous Chamberlain family papers

Title/Description	Instances
Galleys of entry on Chamberlain family in Genealogical and family history of the state of Maine (vol. 1, pp. 132-140), 1909	box 1 folder 32
Notes on Chamberlain and Farrington families, 1973	box 1 folder 33

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Farrington family papers

Title/Description	Instances
Patent, of Charles O. Farrington, 1859	box 1 folder 34
Letters to Sarah Chamberlain Farrington from Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1882, 1891, 1908, 1910, undated	box 1 folder 35
Letter to John Farrington, pension statement, 1812, 1843	box 1 folder 36
Miscellaneous Farrington family papers, 1816-1955	box 1

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Papers relating to Mill Dam School and School District no. 2,
Brewer, 1839-1859

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Miscellaneous material

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Letters of J.H. Everett (photocopies), 1863	box 1
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Queen Mary's escape (musical score): Madge Abbott; transposed by Lizzie, Christmas Eve, 1853	box 1
	folder 40
41 Sermons, essays, by unknown authors, 1853-1864	box 1
	folder 41
42 Poems, essays, unknown authors, undated	box 1
	folder 42
43 Miscellaneous legal documents, bills, etc.	box 1
	folder 43

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